

Please amend claims 1-7, 9-11, 13, 14, and 16 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A reproducing apparatus [which moves] for moving main data that has been subjected to reproduction-restrictive coding from a first recording medium where the main data is recorded to a second recording medium, the apparatus comprising:

storing means for storing a key [to be] used for decoding a code that restricts reproduction of the main data;

input means for receiving the main data from the first recording medium;

judging means for judging whether the main data received by the input means can be decoded by using the key that is stored in the storing means;

output means for outputting the main data received by the input means to the second recording medium; and

control means for causing the output means to output the main data received by the input means to the second recording medium [if] when the judging means judges that the main data can be decoded, and for prohibiting the output means from outputting the main data received by the input means to the second recording

medium [if] when judging means judges that the main data cannot be decoded.

--2. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising key generating means for generating [a] the key for decoding the code that restricts reproduction of the main data, wherein the storing means stores the key generated by the key generating means.

--3. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the key [that is] generated by the key generating means and stored in the storing means is generated every time the main data that has been subjected to reproduction-restrictive coding is moved from the first recording medium where the main data is recorded to the second recording medium[, and [is discarded] further comprising means for discarding the key every time movement of the main data [completes] is completed.

--4. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the key that is stored in the storing means is unique to [each] the reproducing apparatus [and fixed].

--5. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the output means comprises first output means and further comprising second output means for informing the first recording medium of permission or prohibition of movement of the main data and completion of the movement of the main data, wherein the control means causes the second output means to inform the first recording medium of permission of movement of the main data and thereby causes output of the main data [if] when the judging means judges that the main data can be decoded, and causes the second output means to inform the first recording medium of completion of the movement and thereby causes erasure of the main data from the first recording medium when the movement of the main data [has] is completed.

--6. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reproducing means for reproducing the main data that is input from the first recording medium, wherein the control means causes the reproducing means to reproduce the main data that is input from the first recording medium [if] when the judging means judges that the main data can be decoded.

--7. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storing means comprises first storing means and the key comprises a first key and further comprising:

second storing means for storing a second key that is different from the first key [to be] used for decoding the main data [that is] input from the first recording medium; and

coding means for coding the main data to be output from the output means to the second recording medium [in such a manner], so that resulting coded main data [can be] is decoded by using the second key that is stored in the second storing means,

wherein the control means decodes the main data by using the first key stored in the first storing means, causes the coding means to encode the main data in such a manner that the main data can be decoded by using the second key stored in the second storing means, and causes the output means to output resulting coded main data to the second recording medium, [if] when the judging means judges that the main data [that is] input from the first recording medium can be decoded.

--9. (Amended) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising comparing means for

comparing the count of the number-of-copying counting means with a permitted number of times of copying, wherein the control means prohibits copying when [the] a number of copies of the main data copied from the second storing means has reached the permitted number of [copies that is permitted] times of copying as a result of comparison by the comparing means.

--10. (Amended) An information distribution system comprising:

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a server apparatus [capable of] being connected to a terminal apparatus[,] for supplying coded main data to the terminal apparatus, the server apparatus [comprising] including:

memory means for recording at least one [or a plurality of] coded main data; and

transmitting means for transmitting[,] to the terminal apparatus[,] the coded main data that is read out from the memory means; and

the terminal apparatus for decoding and reproducing coded main data[, the terminal apparatus comprising] including:

receiving means for receiving the coded main data that is transmitted from the transmitting means of the server apparatus;

recording means for recording the coded main data;

decoding means for decoding the coded main data that is one of received by the receiving means [or] and recorded in the recording means;

judging means for judging whether the terminal apparatus is connected to the server apparatus; and

control means for [permitting] controlling the decoding means to decode the coded main data [that is] received by the receiving means when the judging means judges that the terminal apparatus is connected to the server apparatus, and for [permitting] controlling the decoding means to decode the coded main data [that is] recorded in the recording means when the judging means judges that the terminal apparatus is not connected to the server apparatus.

--11. (Amended) The information distribution system according to claim 10, wherein the terminal apparatus further comprises coding the means for coding main data, wherein the control means causes the coding means to encode the main data and causes the server apparatus to record [resulting] the coded main data resulting therefrom.

--13. (Amended) The information distribution system according to claim 11, wherein the terminal apparatus further comprises:

storing means for storing a key [that is] used when the coding means encodes the main data and used when the decoding means decodes the coded main data,

wherein the coding means encodes the main data by using the key stored in the storing means, and the decoding means decodes the coded main data by using the key stored in the storing means.

--14. (Amended) The information distribution system according to claim 13, wherein the key that is stored in the storing means is unique to [each] the terminal apparatus.

--16. (Amended) The information distribution system according to claim 10, wherein:

the terminal apparatus further comprises transmitting means for transmitting decoded main data [that is] produced by the decoding means; and

the server apparatus further comprises receiving means for receiving the decoded main data, and reproducing means for reproducing the decoded main data [that is] received by the receiving means,